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**REQVESTS**

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 ding to the quality of the persons to be bil-  
 lited, that before they be absolutely setled,  
 the Constable, or other officer of the place  
 be advised with, that upon the view, it  
 may be disposed of as shall be fit.

2 To the end that the victualls which the Souldiers shall have, in the places where they are or shall be billeted, may be reasonably rated and paid for, that there shall be reasonable rates set upon Horse-meat and Mans-meat, and that what shall not be paid for in ready monies, the Souldiers shall give tickets for, by which the owners may receive their monies, by the hands of the Commanders, Captains or Officers of these Souldiers, who have had those victualls or horse-meat; and for the rates thereof, it is agreed, that 3<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> by the week, shall be allowed for common Souldiers; and for every Ensigne, and Lievtenant, or above that degree, as they can reasonably agree with the house-keeper; and so for Quarter-masters and all other Officers under the degree of a Captain, 4<sup>d</sup> for Hay by the day and night is allowed, and for Provender 20<sup>d</sup> the bushell, and litter to be allowed in that price, to be taken moderately.

3 That there may be no abuse in this, or otherwise by the Souldiers, and if there be,

be, that the offenders may be subject to punishment according to the Kings gracious direction, both by His Proclamation and Order. It is further directed and ordered, that every Quarter-master, when he billets any Souldiers in any house, shall deliver under his hand in writing to the Master or owner of the house, the true names of those he there quarters, and under what Regiment they serve, and under what Captain, and that every Captain may have the like note of the Persons, and of the Armes they beare, that he may know where to require them.

4 That if any, with whom any Souldiers are offered to be billeted, or for the billeting of any horses, shall make it appeare, that in truth they have no such provisions, that due care be taken thereof, that impossibilities be not required at their hands, but some other satisfaction may be given in such cases; and in all such cases, those, who have best store of provisions neer the place, must give assistance to those who have lesse, after the same rates afore mentioned.

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5 Because it is informed, that diverse Souldiers, who have their Horses billeted at mens houles, doe turne those Horses into mens Barnes, or other houles or places, where their Corne, Hay, or Straw is, and destroy or wast more by that meanes in one, then would with good usage serve many nights, the same number of Horses; and that the proportion exceed not a peck of Oats for a day and night for one horse,

It is ordered that no Corne, Hay, or Straw be taken, but by the delivery of the owners or their Servants, to avoyd spoyle, and to know what is taken, and that they have noe greater proportion of provender allowed.

6 And whereas diverse of this County doe complaine, that their Horses and Teemes have been taken for the Kings service, and detained, one, two, or three weekes together, and sometimes for a longer time; that care shall be taken, that from henceforth, the Carts, and Teems so taken, shall be returned home againe as soon as may be, that the Husbandry of the County



ty be not neglected, and to the end that the Country may not be oppressed. For the time to come, it is ordered that whensoever the Waggoner-general, or other Officers for that service, shall have occasion to use any horses or teemes, that before they send out their warrants, they acquaint the Kings Commissioners with the occasion, and the time of the imployment desired, so to take care, that it be such as shall be fit, as they will answer it.

7 That if any Officer, Souldier, or Trooper, shall take away any horse from the owner without his consent, either by way of exchange, or other pretence, without good warrant for the Kings service, and that without fraud; or shall break any of the orders before established as aforesaid he shall be proceeded against according to Law in a Capitall or Criminall way, as the cases shall deserve.

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